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Ex parte RUSSELL FREDERICK GLOOR, KATHLEEN MOORE KURLANSKI
and MYLA STEELMAN MILLER

Appeal No. 2003-1654
Application No. 09/439,310

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

Appellants filed a Reply Brief on May 16, 2003 (Paper No. 16), which has been matched with this application at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. According to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 1208.03:

Under 37 CFR [§] 1.193(b)(1), appellant may file a reply brief as a matter of right within 2 months from the mailing date of the examiner's answer or supplemental examiner's answer. . . . The primary examiner must then (A) acknowledge receipt and entry of the Reply Brief by using form paragraph 12.47 on form PTOL-90; or (B) reopen prosecution to respond to the reply brief. See MPEP § 1208.02.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the examiner to acknowledge receipt and entry of appellants Reply

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Brief filed May 6, 2003 (Paper No. 15), or to reopen prosecution to respond to the Reply Brief, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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